

What is claimed is:

- 1                   1.     An adjustable base for displaying merchandise, the base  
2     comprising:
  - 3                   a set of movable deck pieces each forming one of the corners of the  
4     base and having an outer edge;
  - 5                   a frame positioned under and in support of the deck pieces, the frame  
6     including a telescoping mechanism that permits adjustment of the frame in the  
7     horizontal plane and moves the deck pieces;
  - 8                   a removable center plate disposed above and supported by the deck  
9     pieces, the center plate providing a flat surface in a horizontal (x-y) plane for  
10    supporting merchandise; and
  - 11                  a plurality of casters rotatably attached to the frame facilitating  
12    transportation of the base.
- 1                   2.     The base of claim 1 further comprising a continuously  
2     adjustable securing mechanism for reversibly locking the telescoping mechanism into  
3     a predetermined length.
- 1                   3.     The base of claim 2 wherein the adjustable securing mechanism  
2     comprises a threaded fastener and washer assembly that reversibly engages the  
3     telescoping mechanism.
- 1                   4.     The base of claim 2 wherein the adjustable securing mechanism  
2     comprises a threaded fastener and a cam lever pivotally attached to the threaded  
3     fastener to reversibly engage the telescoping mechanism.
- 1                   5.     The base of claim 1 further comprising a tether having two  
2     ends with the center plate attached to one end of the tether and the other end of the  
3     tether attached to another component of the base.

1                   6.     The base of claim 1 wherein the center plate comprises at least  
2     two sections slideably attached to the deck pieces.

1                   7.     An adjustable base for displaying merchandise, the base  
2     comprising:

3                   a set of movable deck pieces each forming one of the corners of the  
4     base, having an outer edge, and providing a flat surface for supporting merchandise;

5                   a shoulder positioned at each corner of the base under and in support  
6     of a respective deck piece, each shoulder having opposing ends;

7                   a tubular leg extending from each of the opposing ends of each  
8     shoulder to the outer edge of the respective deck piece, further supporting the deck  
9     piece, and having a single extended slot;

10                  a dowel slidably received in each leg, each dowel having a projection  
11     engaging the slot of the leg in which the dowel is received; and

12                  a caster rotatably attached to each shoulder facilitating transportation  
13     of the base.

1                   8.     The base of claim 7 wherein the projection comprises a  
2     threaded fastener reversibly tightened to secure the dowel to the tubular leg.

1                   9.     The base of claim 7 wherein the projection comprises a  
2     threaded fastener and a quick-release cam lever, the cam lever pivotally attached to  
3     the threaded fastener and reversibly closed to secure the dowel to the tubular leg.

1                   10.    The base of claim 7 further comprising a removable center  
2     plate disposed above and supported by the deck pieces, the center plate providing a  
3     flat surface in a horizontal (x-y) plane for supporting merchandise.

1                   11.     The base of claim 10 further comprising a tether having two  
2     ends with the center plate attached to one end of the tether and the other end of the  
3     tether attached to another component of the base.

1                   12.     The base of claim 10 wherein the center plate comprises at  
2     least two sections slideably attached to the deck pieces.

1                   13.     An adjustable base for displaying merchandise, the base having  
2     four corners and comprising:

3                         a set of movable deck pieces each forming one of the corners of the  
4     base and having an outer edge;

5                         an L-shaped corner member, having an outer edge and an inner edge,  
6     positioned at each corner of the base and attached to a respective deck piece;

7                         a shoulder positioned at each corner of the base under and in support  
8     of a respective deck piece, each shoulder having opposing ends;

9                         a tubular leg extending from each of the opposing ends of each  
10    shoulder to the outer edge of the respective deck piece, further supporting the deck  
11    piece, and having an extended slot;

12                        a dowel slideably received in each leg, each dowel having an aperture  
13    aligned with the slot of the leg in which the dowel is received;

14                        a projection positioned in the slot and received by the aperture for  
15    reversibly securing the dowel to the leg;

16                        a caster rotatably attached to each shoulder facilitating transportation  
17    of the base; and

18                   a removable center plate disposed above and supported by the deck  
19 pieces, the center plate providing a flat surface in a horizontal (x-y) plane for  
20 supporting merchandise.

1                   14.     The base of claim 13 further comprising a tether having two  
2 ends with the center plate attached to one end of the tether and the other end of the  
3 tether attached to another component of the base.

1                   15.     The base of claim 13, wherein each L-shaped member has a  
2 chamfer in its interior edge.

1                   16.     The base of claim 13, wherein the center plate is slideably  
2 connected to at least one deck piece.

1                   17.     The base of claim 16, wherein the center plate has a channel  
2 and the at least one deck piece has a hole aligned with the channel, the center plate  
3 slideably connected to the at least one deck piece by passing a fastener through the  
4 hole and channel.

1                   18.     The base of claim 13, wherein the center plate comprises at  
2 least two sections slideably attached to the deck pieces.